



Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 South Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401-4604

Phone: 785-823-4500
FAX: 785-823-4540
www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov

January 10, 2012

KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS300-12-29

SUBJECT: LTP–Environmental Quality Incentives Program–Eligible Practices Lists

Purpose: Cancel Kansas Bulletin KS300-12-7 and distribute Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Kansas Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) eligible practices list information with the updated Grazing Land Health (attachment 2), Livestock Waste (attachment 3), Water Quantity (attachment 7) and the Water Quantity Quick Response Areas (QRAs) (attachment 12) eligible practice lists

Expiration Date: September 30, 2013

Changes made in this bulletin are highlighted in yellow.

Eligible Practices

Attached are the FY 2012 EQIP eligible practices lists for EQIP general funds.

New Eligible Practices

Conservation Practice 660–Tree/Shrub Pruning has been **added** to the following category:

- Forestland Health

Conservation Practice 315–Herbaceous Weed Control has been **added** to the following ranking categories:

- Forestland Health
- Grazing Land Health
- Tribal
- Wildlife Habitat

(more)

DIST: A, F, S, Acting Budget Officer, C. Nelson

Conservation Practice 595–Integrated Pest Management has been **added** to the following ranking categories:

- Livestock Waste
- Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs
- Water Quantity
- Water Quantity Quick Response Areas (QRAs)
- Water Quality/Cropland Health

Conservation Practice 561–Heavy Use Area Protection has been **added** to the following Ranking Category:

- Livestock Waste

Conservation Practice 449–Irrigation Water Management has been added to the following Ranking Category:

- Livestock Waste

Changed Eligible Practices

Conservation Practice 512–Pasture and Hay Planting has been **renamed** Forage and Biomass Planting.

Conservation Practice 595–Pest management has been **renamed** to Integrated Pest Management.

Conservation Practice 633–Waste Utilization has been **renamed** to Waste Recycling.

Deleted Eligible Practices

Conservation Practice 595–Pest Management was **removed** from the following ranking categories and **replaced** with Conservation Practice 315–Herbaceous Weed Control:

- Grazing Lands Health
- Wildlife Habitat

Conservation Practice 322–Channel Bank Vegetation has been **removed** from the following ranking categories:

- Forestland Health
- Sedimentation Above of Federal Reservoirs
- Tribal
- Water Quality/Cropland Health

Conservation Practice 442–Irrigation System Sprinkler has been **removed** from the following ranking category:

- Livestock Waste

Conservation Practice 645–Upland Wildlife Habitat has been **removed** from the following ranking categories:

- Livestock Waste
- Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs (removed from Management Practices only)
- Water Quality/Cropland Health (removed from Management Practices only)
- Wildlife Habitat (removed from Management practice only)
- Water Quantity
- Water Quantity QRAs

The following conservation practices were **removed** from the Water Quantity and Water Quantity QRAs ranking categories:

- 378–Pond
- 382–Fence
- 516–Pipeline
- 521A–Pond Sealing and Lining–Flexible Membrane
- 521B–Pond Sealing and Lining–Soil Dispersant
- 521C–Pong Sealing and Lining–Bentonite Sealant
- 521D–Pond Sealing and Lining–Clay Treatment
- 550–Range Planting
- 561–Heavy Use Area Protection
- 614–Watering Facility
- 528–Prescribed Grazing
- 645–Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Vegetative and Management)

The FY 2012 EQIP eligible practices lists contain the conservation practices eligible for financial assistance for each ranking category see (Attachments 1 through 12).

NOTE: Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher (LRF/R), Beginning Farmer/Rancher (BF/R), and Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher (SDF/R) may apply under the ranking category specific to their resource concern or the ranking category specifically for their Historically Underserved (HU) group.

Payment Schedule

The Kansas Payment Schedule will be utilized for administering FY 2012 EQIP. The state office (SO) will be responsible for posting the payment schedule to eFOTG under Section I–Cost Data. The SO will be entering the EQIP payment schedule data into the Programs Contracting System (ProTracts) and Customer Service Toolkit (CST). Area offices will be notified when this is completed.

Ranking Categories

The ranking categories for FY 2012 are:

- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)–CAP
- Nutrient Management Plan–CAP
- Irrigation Water Management Plan–CAP
- Forestland Health
- Forestland Health–BF/R **(New)**
- Forestland Health–LRF/R **(New)**
- Forestland Health–SDF/R **(New)**
- Grazing Lands Health
- Grazing Lands Health–BF/R
- Grazing Lands Health–LRF/R
- Grazing Lands Health–SDF/R
- Livestock Waste
- Livestock Waste–BF/R **(New)**
- Livestock Waste–LRF/R **(New)**
- Livestock Waste–SDF/R **(New)**
- Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs (limited to watersheds above a federal reservoir)
- Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs–BF/R **(New)**
- Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs–LRF/R **(New)**
- Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs–SDF/R **(New)**
- Tribal
- Water Quality/Cropland Health
- Water Quality/Cropland Health–BF/R
- Water Quality/Cropland Health–LRF/R
- Water Quality/Cropland Health–SDF/R
- Water Quantity
- Water Quantity–BF/R **(New)**
- Water Quantity–LRF/R **(New)**
- Water Quantity–SDF/R **(New)**
- Water Quantity QRAs
- Water Quantity QRAs–BF/R **(New)**
- Water Quantity QRAs–LRF/R **(New)**
- Water Quantity QRAs–SDF/R **(New)**
- Wildlife Habitat
- Wildlife Habitat–BF/R **(New)**
- Wildlife Habitat–LRF/R **(New)**
- Wildlife Habitat–SDF/R **(New)**

NOTE: The following ranking category has been removed for FY 2012:

- Conservation Plan Supporting Transition from Irrigation to Dryland Farming Plan–Conservation Activity Plan (CAP).

Payment Limitations

Payments for management practices, as listed in the ranking category eligible practices list, are limited to \$50,000 per contract and \$50,000 per participant per ranking category. These limits are no longer cumulative for the 2008 Farm Bill. The SO will perform spot checks of management practices obligated to participants after contracts have been obligated.

Payment limitations have been set for the following Conservation Practices:

- 378, Pond
- 441, Irrigation System–Microirrigation (Conversion from Surface and Conversion from Water Drive)
- 634, Manure Transfer

Supervisory district conservationists are responsible for ensuring that payment limitations are correctly entered in the ProTracts contract item number.

Program Practice Narratives

Field offices should continue to use the program specific narratives in CST. If an application is not selected for funding, the CST conservation plan will need to be updated with non-program type narratives.

Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)

A single, stand-alone application will be received by participants who desire a CAP to be developed by a certified technical service provider (TSP). The CAP will be scheduled and completed during the first 12 months after obligation. Payments will be made to the participant for CAP development once the TSP has provided appropriate statement of work (SOW) deliverables, documentation, and certification for the CAP. Additional information on CAPs will be provided once guidance is received from national headquarters.

NOTE: Multiple CAP contracts on the same land unit are prohibited except for energy.

Contact: Please forward your feedback and questions through established channels to Corey L. Nelson, Resource Conservationist, at 785-823-4580 or corey.nelson@ks.usda.gov.

(Signed)

ERIC B. BANKS
State Conservationist

Attachments